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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add new claims 22-40.

22. (New) A method for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage, the method comprising:
- a) providing a support device, the support device including:
    - i) an engaging layer including an adhesive for securing the support device to the tissues;
    - ii) a surface layer;
    - iii) a support layer positioned between the engaging layer and surface layer; and

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